

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An orthopaedic injection restrictor apparatus, comprising: a nozzle including an elongated portion having an outer sidewall; and an orthopaedic plug including a central first portion releasably engaged with the elongated portion of the nozzle and further including a plurality of flaps extending radially outwardly from the central its first portion, wherein the plurality of flaps extends beyond the outer sidewall of the elongated portion of the nozzle when the orthopaedic plug is releasably engaged with the elongated portion of the nozzle.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein at least one of the flaps is resiliently hinged to the central first portion of the orthopaedic plug.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the elongated portion of the nozzle defines a tube sleeve and the central first portion of the orthopaedic plug partially extends into the tube sleeve.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the central first portion of the orthopaedic plug includes a boss positioned within the tube sleeve.

Claim 5 (original): The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of graduations on the elongated portion of the nozzle.

Claim 6 (original): The apparatus of claim 5, wherein the plurality of graduations extends linearly away from at least one of the flaps.

Claim 7 (cancelled)

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Claim 8 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the central ~~first~~ portion of the orthopaedic plug defines a protuberance sleeve and the elongated portion of the nozzle extends into the protuberance sleeve.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 2, further comprising: a plurality of graduations on the elongated portion of the nozzle; wherein the elongated portion of the nozzle defines a tube sleeve, the central ~~first~~ portion of the orthopaedic plug extends into the tube sleeve, and the plurality of graduations extends linearly away from at least one of the flaps, ~~and the elongated portion of the nozzle includes a flexible portion.~~

Claim 10 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the central ~~first~~ portion of the orthopaedic plug includes a boss positioned within the tube sleeve.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The apparatus of claim 2, further comprising: a plurality of graduations on the elongated portion of the nozzle; wherein the central ~~first~~ portion of the orthopaedic plug defines a protuberance sleeve and the elongated portion of the nozzle extends into the protuberance sleeve, and the plurality of graduations extends linearly away from at least one of the flaps, ~~and the elongated portion of the nozzle includes a flexible portion.~~

Claims 12-15 (cancelled)